

Happy February 2024

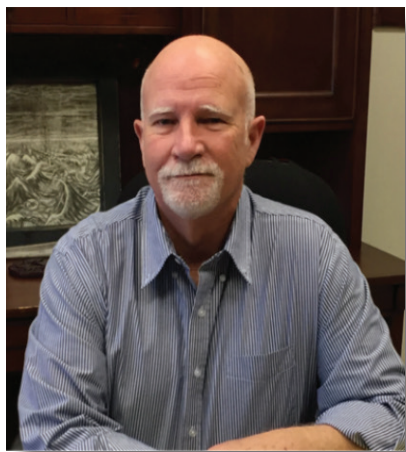


The SBA Connector



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By the time you receive this, we will be a few days away from our 125th Annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 4, at 6 pm at **Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church, 13073 Hwy. 110 N., Tyler, TX 75704**. If you purchased a ticket for the dinner, it begins at 5 p.m.

It is too late to buy a ticket for a meal, but all are invited to come to the meeting. It looks like it will be a big one, Praise the Lord! Karl Vaters will be our speaker. Karl is a helper of small churches; he has been here before, but we look forward to hearing what he says. If you can't be here Sunday night, he will be at Smith Baptist Association on Monday, Feb. 5, to do a question/answer time with staff who might like a little personal

time. That will happen from 9–11 am.

Thanks so much to Mt. Sylvan for hosting our meeting. Everyone looks forward to seeing what God is up to in this "little country" church. I know everyone is excited to see the new Sanctuary.

I am currently helping Dean Baptist as interim pastor. I'm not sure how long I will be there. They are a great bunch of folks and will look for a pastor eventually. Meanwhile, I pray God will use me to help them in any way necessary to be a vibrant church for that community. Blessings, Dr. Danny

Fix Your FOCUS

Question & Answer Time
Monday, February 5, 2024
9 am - 11 am

Smith Baptist Association Office
3226 Old Jacksonville Hwy. Tyler, TX 75701

125th Annual Meeting of
Smith Baptist Association Annual Meeting
Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas
2024



Broken & Mended

Christ-Centered Chronic Pain Support

Thursdays 6:00pm-7:30pm

Contact Nancy Flowers For More Info
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My name is **Kasey Kennedy** and I am the **Family Ministry Administrator** at **South Spring Baptist Church**. We are beginning to offer a new Life Group at South Spring called **Broken and Mended**, a Christ centered support group for chronic pain.

Broken and Mended is a ministry to connect hurting people to Jesus and each other. Where individuals that are hurting, every day of their lives, can come together for mutual support and encouragement. And to live out our mission to glorify God in all we do even in the midst of chronic pain. Broken and Mended will be a semester long group, beginning on Thursday January 11th and ending on May 9th. If you have any questions or are interested in Broken and Mended, please reach out to Nancy Flowers.

SIGN UP FOR COOKOFF AND VOLUNTEERS

COLONIAL HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
CAR SHOW & COOKOFF

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
COOK-OFF - CHILI * CAJUN * MEAT * DESSERT

<https://colonialhills.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2088790>



Karl Vaters is the author of four books, with one on the way:

- *De-Sizing the Church: How Church Growth Became a Science, Then an Obsession, and What's Next* (Coming April 2, 2024! Pre-Order now!)
- *The Church Recovery Guide: How Your Congregation Can Adapt and Thrive after a Crisis*
- *100 Days to a Healthier Church: A Step-By-Step Guide for Pastors and Leadership Teams*
- *Small Church Essentials: Field-Tested Principles for Leading a Healthy Congregation of Under 250*
- *The Grasshopper Myth: Big Churches, Small Churches and the Small Thinking That Divides Us*

Karl produces resources for Helping Small Churches Thrive at KarlVaters.com.

His heart is to help pastors of small churches (up to 90 percent of us) find the resources to lead well, and to capitalize on the unique advantages that come with pastoring a small church – something virtually every pastor will spend at least some of their ministry years doing. He also believes that big and small churches can and should work together more often – to the benefit and blessing of everyone.

Karl also hosts a bi-weekly podcast, *The Church Lobby: Conversations on Faith & Ministry*. Episodes feature in-depth interviews about the topics that concern pastors, especially those who minister in a small church context.

Karl has served in small-church ministry for over 40 years, so he speaks and writes from decades of hands-on pastoral experience. He and his wife, Shelley have three children and two grandkids. karlvaters.com

Post-Pandemic: What's Working In Churches That Are Thriving

"We're living in a post-pandemic world. This hasn't changed things as much as it has amplified and accelerated changes that were already in place. In this session, we'll look at 1) the lessons we can learn from what we've been through, 2) the key differences between congregations that are thriving and those that are struggling, and 3) how a constant flow of low-level trauma damages our bodies, spirits, and minds. We'll learn from the Bible and neuroscience how God created us to find health again." Karl Vaters

Healthy Lifestyle Program

Led By: Ethan Mackey & Emily Henry
Certified Personal Trainers

DETAILS

WHAT: A 12 WEEK PROGRAM EMPHASIZING: STRENGTH, FLEXIBILITY, BALANCE, ENDURANCE, WEIGHT LOSS, NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION, AND SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT!

WHEN: MONDAY & THURSDAY NIGHTS
STARTING JANUARY 8TH
SENIOR CLASS: 5:00-5:45
REGULAR CLASS: 6:00-7:00

WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN WHITEHOUSE
- 801 CENTER

COST: \$5.00 PER CLASS



Our Goal is to help you stay healthy and active longer so that you can use your God given talents to positively impact others.

First Baptist Church, Whitehouse TX
January 9 at 3:59 PM

We also have a women's fitness class offered on Monday & Thursday mornings at 9:00am - \$10 per class. Everyone welcomed!

Smith Scholarship Opportunities

East Texas Communities Foundation is offering scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year and will begin accepting submissions on January 1, 2024. Deadline for all applications will be March 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Sammy Joe and Martha Jean Calhoun Family Scholarship for Ministerial Studies

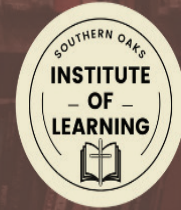
- Major in a field related to ministerial studies that would prepare them for a career in the ministry (including, but not limited to, areas such as pastoral ministry, youth ministry, Christian ministry, religious studies, missionary studies, etc.)
- GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school studies
- Preference for a member in good standing of the Smith Baptist Association
- Attend an accredited college or university in the state of Texas as a full-time student

Scholarship season is now open and East Texas Communities Foundation will offer 90 diverse scholarships to be awarded for the 2024-25 academic year. Please share this good news with your students.

The application invitation on our website will make the process easy. By completing a short application with questions, the student will be matched with those scholarships for which they are most likely to meet the eligibility criteria. Then, they choose the scholarships they want to submit to and proceed to those applications. This year's deadline for all of our scholarships is Friday, March 1 at 5:00pm! Other resources and complete descriptions of all 90 scholarships are located on our website <https://etcf.org/scholarships/>

Smith County Baptist Ministers Scholarship

- GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) in his or her high school or college studies (prior recipients may re-apply)
- Dependent children of ordained Baptist ministers serving congregations in Smith County, Texas, that are members of the Baptist General Convention of Texas
 - Attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student



New Testament Survey II

Tuesdays, January 16 - May 14

6:15pm-7:45pm

Bethlehem Room

Elementary Greek I

Thursdays, January 18 - May 30

12:00 pm-1:30pm

Register at www.welovethegospel.com



NEW SPRING 2024 S.O.I.L. COURSES

- Elementary Greek I
- New Testament Survey II

Register Here:
<https://www.welovethegospel.com/resources/soil-classes/>

FREE College/Seminary Courses!



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Texas Baptist Ministry Assistants

2024 CONFERENCE

ROOTED in Christ

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord... They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)

Join other Ministry Assistants from across the state of Texas for a time of networking, learning and refreshing skills, and being immersed in the Word of God.

APRIL 25-27
LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH
500 W BLUEBONNET
GRANBURY, TX

STAY AT
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